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**The Roving Eye International Festival Celebrates Its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary At Roger Williams University With More Than 50 Films From Across The World, Premiere Work, Professional Panels, And Visiting Filmmakers**

*Programming Linked To And Celebrates A Week Of Arts Programming On The Roger Williams University Bristol Campus*

**WHAT:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Roving Eye International Film Festival: A Celebration of the Arts

**WHEN:** April 12-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**WHERE:** Roger Williams University, 1 Ferry Road, Bristol RI

**WHO:** FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) and Roger Williams University

**WHY:** To celebrate the next generation of independent cinema from across the globe.

**HOW MUCH:** Free for film-related events; Modest admission cost for theater and music events

(BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND) - The **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Roving Eye International Film Festival** created by the Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) in partnership with Roger Williams University kicks off **April 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 19<sup>th</sup>**. This year's programming features over 50 films from across the world, numerous World and US Premieres; panel discussions/symposia; visiting filmmakers; workshops; student film and arts showcases; and a celebration the Centenary of legendary acting icon, Anthony Quinn.

The **Roving Eye International Film Festival** promises to be a portal for discovery for film, arts and culture lovers across the region at this year's celebration.

Complementing this year's cinematic offerings, an ongoing arts showcase will include new work by the RWU student-run *Musician's Guild*, the theater department's production of *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, the RWU Arts Alive! presentation of the *Martinu String Quartet*, a performance by the student acapella group, *Drastic Measures*, along with presentations by the RWU Dance Club, a Poetry Slam, an outdoor concert *Spring Fest* by the University's radio station, WQRI, and an Open Mike Night.

The Festival's annual **Jewish Experience Film/Speaker Series** will showcase documentaries and short films never before shown in the U.S. Guest speakers include **Yonathan Freisman**, Israeli filmmaker; **Andrew Lund**, director/producer; and filmmaker, **Michele Noble**.

Throughout the Festival, there will be a series of panel discussions and presentations. This year's guest panelists include such industry leaders as **Katherine Quinn**, widow of legendary actor Anthony Quinn; **Steven Feinberg**: Executive Director of the Rhode Island Film & Television Office; **Chris Sparling**: writer of the film "Buried" starring Ryan Reynolds; **Dr. Paola Prado**, educator, journalist, media publisher, and consultant; **Anya Letá**: writer /director; **Ankar Vikal**, actor; **Eric Latek**: writer, director, motion graphics artist; **Duncan Putney**, actor, and award winning screenwriter; **Michele Meek**, founder NewEnglandFilm.com; **Justin White**, director of photography; **Alice Cross**, writer/lecturer; **Rev. Nancy Soukup**, RWU Multifaith Chaplain; and RIFF Program Director, **Shawn Quirk**.

Students at the University, with the guidance of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival, create the Roving Eye International Film Festival through the Film Minor senior-level course, *Curation and Film Festival Production*. Flickers' Executive Director and RWU Professor, **George T. Marshall** teaches the class. This year, 17 students spent the first part of the spring semester reviewing more than 500 films provided by Flickers and from there went on to create the entire Roving Eye Festival. The students developed active marketing and PR strategies, including the planning for events plus staffing throughout the week. **Roberta E. Adams, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, is the Festival Chair, linking faculty adjudicators with students, RIFF and the RWU administration in a unique collaboration.

The **2015 Roving Eye International Film Festival** is sponsored by *The RI Film & the Television Office; Flickers; Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia, Edge Media Network, the Edwin S. Soforenko Foundation; the Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation; Roger Williams University Office of the Provost; the RWU Department of Communication, the RWU Department of Political Science, the RWU Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, Dean Robert Eisinger, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Roberta Adams, the RWU Film Production Collaborative, the RWU Screenwriter's Guild, RWU Hillel, and the Spiritual Life Office.*

To see a listing of this year's programming and to learn more about the Roving Eye Festival, go to: <http://www.film-festival.org/RovingEye.php>

#### **ABOUT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY:**

**Roger Williams University**, located on the coast of Bristol, R.I., is a forward-thinking private university with 45 undergraduate majors spanning the liberal arts and the professions, where students become community-minded citizens through project-based, experiential learning. With small classes, direct access to faculty and boundless opportunity for real-world projects, RWU students develop the ability to think critically while simultaneously building the practical skills that today's employers demand. In the two years since launching its signature Affordable Excellence initiative, the University has established itself as a leader in American higher education by confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families – increasing costs that limit access to college, rising debt and the job readiness of graduates. In addition to its 4,000 undergraduates, RWU is home to more than a dozen graduate programs, a thriving School of Continuing Studies based in Providence as well as Rhode Island's only law school. For more information, go to: [www.rwu.edu](http://www.rwu.edu).

**ABOUT FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:**

The mission of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival is to discover and empower filmmakers. Held in Providence, and at locations throughout the state, RIIFF is one of only 19 film festivals worldwide that is a qualifying event for the Oscars in the documentary and narrative short categories. It is also New England's largest film festival. Its innovative programming, cultivated industry ties, and loyal audiences have made the Festival a strategic and desirable platform for film premieres, drawing hundreds of independent filmmakers from around the globe. The next Festival will take place **August 4-9, 2015**. For more information about the festival, please visit [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org).

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **Aug. 4-9, 2015** at the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC) and The Vets (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org) or call **401.861.4445**.

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